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SUBJECT: MODE - COMMERCE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT POSITIONS FOR WHALING OBSERVERS

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1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE PERMANENT STATIONING IN TOKYO OF TWO NMFS OBSERVER SCIENTISTS FOR WHALING RESEARCH BUT WANTS TO BE ASSURED THAT THESE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN THE LIGHT OF REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE OVERALL MODE CEILINGS AND REPRESENTATION OF VARIOUS USG AGENCIES ABROAD. WE ASSUME, THAT, IF OVERALL MODE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET AND THESE ADDITIONS ARE APPROVED, MODE CEILING FOR TOKYO WILL BE INCREASED BY TWO. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GENERAL SUPPORT AS IT HAS IN THE PAST FOR TDY ASSIGNED OBSERVERS.

2. IN GRANTING APPROVAL EMBASSY MUST POINT OUT CERTAIN RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE OBSERVERS. THE 1977 IWC AGREEMENT EXEMPTS THEM FROM ALL AUTHORITY OTHER THAN THAT OF THE COMMISSION. HOWEVER, 20 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME WILL NOT BE ON COMMISSION BUSINESS, AND THEIR SALARIES WILL COME FROM USG SOURCES. THEREFORE, WE UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSUME IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT THESE ASSIGNMENTS SERVE U.S. AS WELL AS IWC INTERESTS, AND THAT THE AUTHORITY OF THE AMBASSADOR OVER ALL USG ELEMENTS WILL APPLY TO THESE OBSERVERS AT LEAST AS FAR AS BROAD POLICY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FACTORS ARE CONCERNED. THE OBSERVERS, AS IN THE PAST WILL SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES, BUT SHOULD THIS SITUATION CHANGE

WE WOULD EXPECT THE NEED FOR THE ASSIGNMENT TO BE RECONSIDERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MODE STANDARDS. IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY DEMANDS BEING LEVIED ON US TO REDUCE THE MODE CEILING, WE ALSO WANT TO BE SURE THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE FOUND THAT THESE POSITIONS HAVE PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER MANPOWER ALLOCATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE. REQUEST YOUR CONFIRMATION OF LATTER POINT. SHERMAN

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